

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

WHIP General FA 10 Limited Resource Farmer

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: WHIP General FA 10 Limited Resource Farmer | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | | Telephone: |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| Healthy Plant & Animal Communities - Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the applicant to: | |
| 1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. b. Address and support one of the following priorities: Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI), North American Waterfowl Management Plan, National Fish Habitat Action Plan, Greater Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy, State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategies (also referred to as the State Wildlife Action Plans), Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Restoration of Longleaf Pine Forests | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project: | |
| 2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will this application contain at least one (1) practice that directly benefits threatened and endangered or at-risk wildlife species (plant or animal) as identified by NRCS, South Carolina DNR, the US Fish and Wildlife Service or NOAA Fisheries? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Does the application include practices that benefit pollinators? (See list of practices that benefit pollinators). | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. If the application includes planting forbs to benefit pollinators, will the applicant use only species considered to be of "local ecotype" in origin? (Local ecotype for SC NRCS ranking means that the seeds of the selected species are native to and originate from the appropriate Level III eco-region for the Southeast. See the map entitled "Ecoregions of the Southeast" (found in the SC eFOTG, Section I, Sub-section G Maps). | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Will this application contain practices that address the control or eradication of invasive plant species as identified on the list of "Major Invasive Species of Concern in South Carolina" found on the EFOTG, Section 1, General Resources, Section C, Reference List? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will this application result in a basal area of less than 50 square feet per acre on all of the forested acres in the proposed contract? (Answer YES if land is already thinned to less than 50). | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Will the management of the land identified in this application encourage the sustainability of a natural predator/prey balance which promotes diverse wildlife habitat and species richness typically found in South | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| Carolina? | |
| 7. Does the SC Wildlife Habitat Index for this application reflect a habitat net effect benefit of greater than .50? (Planned index value – Existing index value) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Does the SC Wildlife Habitat Index for this application reflect a habitat net effect benefit between .25 and .49? (Planned index value – Existing index value) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Does the SC Wildlife Habitat Index for this application reflect a habitat net effect benefit between .01 and .24? (Planned index value – Existing index value)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Will this application include practices that address longleaf pine habitat restoration? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. Has the applicant attended or completed a wildlife or forestry education event within the past year? (Examples are a field day, seminar, work shop, class room course, or others) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Will the length of the contract be four (4) or less years with three (3) or less years of cost share and one (1) year of maintenance? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. Has an RMS conservation plan been completed prior to August 1, 2009, on the parcel offered for the program contract? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. Has the applicant successfully completed all previous contracts offered? (Answer YES if applicant has never had a contract cancelled, terminated, or is actively applying (on schedule) any existing contracts not yet completed.) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Does this application contain at least one (1) conservation practice that directly benefits federally listed threatened and endangered fish, wildlife or plant species? (Must be verified by an NRCS, DNR, NOAA or USFWS biologist.) | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will this application improve quail or other at-risk species habitat by promoting early successional habitat through the application of rotational disking, and/or planting native warm season grasses, and/or the application of prescribed burning for no more than one (1) year? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. If the application includes planting forbs to benefit pollinators, is the applicant willing to use only species considered to be of "local ecotype" in origin? (Local ecotype for SC NRCS ranking means that the seeds of the selected species are native to and originate from the appropriate Level III eco-region for the Southeast. See the map entitled " Ecoregions of the Southeast" (found in the SC eFOTG, Section I, Sub-section G Maps). | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Does this application address the installation of conservation practices that provide a buffer at least 50 feet wide immediately adjacent to a wetland, water body, stream or other sensitive areas? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will the forested acres on this application be managed for an uneven aged stand? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Is the land offered in this application in a special wildlife project area or is it adjacent to a state forest or wildlife management or a federal forest or wildlife management area? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. If approved for WHIP, will this be the first cost shared funding received to implement wildlife habitat improvement practices in the last 2 years? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score: |
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

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| NRCS Representative: | Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: |
| Signature Date: | Signature Date: |